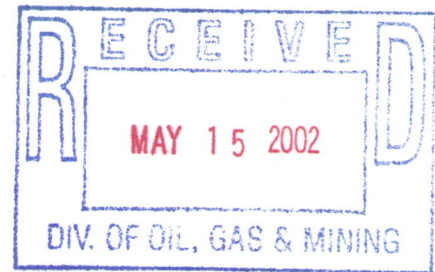


M/037/022

Division comment: This inspection report was received by electronic mail on May 15, 2002, from Denice Swanke of the BLM in Moab.

Inspection Report

Case File: Small Fry Mine Closure
Inspector: Denice Swanke, Physical Scientist
Date of Report: 15 April 2002



I completed an inspection of the site on 14 April 2002. Photographs which were taken that day are attached, along with an ArcView generated map. A copy of this report, including photos, will be sent to Paul Baker, UDOGM per his request.

I inspected the reclamation work at 2 locations, the shaft site and the main/portal site and pad. I met with Dick Brammer of MolyCorp/Unocal, and Gary Haptenstall at the portal site. They believed the work at the shaft site was completed, however, I requested that they remove the cabin structure and do additional surface ripping on a short spur road, which they agreed to do. The main access road was well done, and should recover nicely once seeded. I feel that the shaft site work is complete, except for seeding, which is scheduled to occur this fall, and the cabin removal.

After leaving the shaft site I walked the portal site, taking photographs of several worked areas. My camera batteries died, so 2 photographs of portals which are adjacent to the mine road did not come out, those portals have been filled, and will be covered thoroughly with dirt as the road surface is worked back to the N-NE. The Harding ESE equipment operator, David, was breaking down the hillside which divides the upper road and lower road to the pad while I was there. Dirt was being removed from the hillside and deposited onto the lower road.

Bill Stringer met with San Juan County Commissioner Ed Sherick on 13 May to introduce the idea of reclaiming the access road which runs between county road 114 and the Big Indian valley road. Dick indicated that their work at the site would be complete late next week, and that if they are to reclaim the access road, it will have to be done soon. I plan to visit the site between 24-30 May to conduct a final inspection, and will coordinate that visit with Dick.



Photos 1-2: Closed portals below rim, active reclamation of hillside and lower road to pad.



Photo 3: Closed portal.



Photo 4: Closed portals.

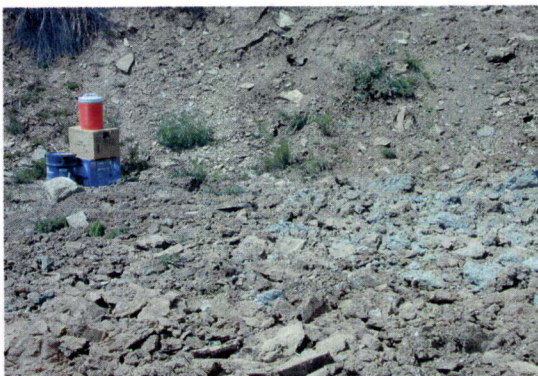


Photo 5: Ripped surface, former staging area.



Photo 6: View of access road off CR114.



Photo 7: View to the NE from the access road, note chaining, present along entire road.



Photo 8: Erosion on N side of access road.



Photo 9: Erosion on N side of access road.



Photo 10: View to N-NW of access road.



Photo 11: Junction of mine spur road and the access road.
Road in foreground returns to Big Indian road, road in distance (also shown in photo 10) goes W short distance to CR114 (shown in photo 6).